

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON **9 NOVEMBER 2004** IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors D. Poole (Chairman), L. Bryant, L. Wilcox, C. Prout, S. Mather. H Targett (Clerk)

REF	OPEN FORUM	ACTION
	<p>District Cllr Janet Wood reported on the affordable housing building works at Trenley Road. The planning permission notice had been issued late due to a SDC error as it considered that legal fees had not been paid by the developer when in fact they had. SDC had not pursued the hedge issue as discussed at the previous Council meeting, as they did not control the land and the hedge did not fall within the red line for development. It was however not considered too late for some arrangement to be considered. A type of stone would now be used to build the new houses as opposed to brick. SDC rural grants had been awarded to Coaley Village Hall but not to Coaley Community Action Group for further facilities on the Recreation Field. SDC had recently undergone a CPA (Comprehensive Performance Assessment) and had been assessed as 'good and improving'.</p> <p>County Cllr Margaret Nolder advised that Coaley was present on a GCC list, which recognised the need for a burial ground. GCC will make land available for a burial ground but it would have to be purchased from the county council. This might be achieved with a joint Parish/District/County arrangement.</p> <p>The new pavement work was now complete; it was noted that debris from the works needed to be cleared.</p> <p>The Tri Centre at Quedgeley, which brings together the three emergency services, was at risk due to the government proposing regional centres. Representatives from the centre were due to meet Nick Raynsford, the Rural Affairs minister the next day.</p> <p>GCC was still busy with the budget setting process. The aim was to keep the council tax charges down.</p>	
137/05	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Hobson and Cllr Chalmers.</p>	
138/05	<p>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
139/05	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2004 were approved as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Prout; seconded Cllr Bryant; all in favour.</p>	
140/05	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Council discussed:</u></p> <p>a) S.04/2221/FUL Betworthy Farm, The Street. Erection of porch to side of farmhouse.</p>	

Council resolved to support the application. Proposed Cllr Bryant; seconded Cllr Wilcox; all in favour.

- b) S.04/2217/FUL The Homestead, The Ham. Installation of dormer windows and erection of an external staircase to garage. Council resolved not to support or object to the application, but commented that it would not wish to see the garage used for residential purposes.
- c) S.04/2324/FUL The Firs. Replacement of boundary fence/brick wall with dry stone wall. Council resolved to support the application. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Bryant; 3 votes in favour, two abstentions.

Council had received permission for:

- a) S.04/1789/FUL Foxlea, The Street. Erection of extensions.
- b) S.04/1879/FUL Little Tumps, Far Green. Erection of a conservatory.
- c) S.04/1740/FUL The Old Forge, The Street. Erection of extensions, alteration to vehicular access.
- d) S.03/C0008/FUL Land adjoining 4, Severn View. Erection of two dwellings.

The Severn View dwellings were discussed. The Clerk reported that the planning officer involved with the case had advised that a type of stone would be used in the building work. The Council agreed that it would prefer to see some form of rendered finish in keeping with the rest of Severn View. The Clerk is to make this known to the planning officer.

The Old Forge was referred to. The new owners had sought and received permission from Coaley Primary School to erect a mirror, which would improve visibility leaving the site.

Council had received notification of planning appeal:

- a) S.04/1370/FUL Fox House, The Street. Construction of new access, Conversion of dining room to garage. The Council resolved to stand by its original comments on the application.

Other planning matters:

The Clerk had been requested to produce a site visit letter, which Councillors would leave at households if the occupants were unavailable when a site panel visit was made. A draft letter had been circulated to Councillors. A few changes were requested. The amended version was then adopted. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Prout; all in favour.

141/05 **Accounts**

a) Income received:

Coaley Rovers Football Club	100.00	1 st Payment hire of Rec. Field
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Payments for authorisation

Coaley Village Hall	60.00	Room Hire
Mrs J. John	120.00	Litter Collecting

CLERK

H.R. Targett

H.R. Targett	303.24	Clerk's salary (October 2004)
Newsletter	30.32	Oct/Nov

Expenses

Computing Solutions	7.00	Ink cartridge
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Total £340.56

Accounts accepted by Council.

b) Precept 2005/2006, awarding of grass cutting and printing contracts

A second draft of the precept was provided for Councillors. The Clerk also provided comparison quotes for grass cutting and printing services. The Council resolved to retain the services of Lawn and Garden Maintenance for grass cutting. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded; Cllr Mather; all in favour. The Council resolved to retain the services of Buckstop Print Services Limited for newsletter printing. Proposed Cllr Wilcox; seconded Cllr Bryant; all in favour.

Items for discussion142/05 a) Clerk's Report

- The Clerk, who suggested that changes might be beneficial, had circulated an alternative agenda layout to Councillors. The Council agreed with the changes, which would be implemented in future. Proposed Cllr Bryant; seconded Cllr Prout; all in favour.
- A resident had raised the issue of bad language being used by players at Coaley Rovers football matches. The Clerk to write to the football club to bring this to its attention.
- The Clerk advised that she had attended the SLCC National Conference. Any information of interest had been included in the circulation envelope.
- A Parish & Town Forum hosted by SDC would be held in the council chamber at Ebley Mill on Wednesday December 8th at 7pm.
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the importance of the circulation envelope moving as quickly as possible between Councillors to ensure that the information contained within it is read and agenda items requested if necessary.

CLERK

143/05 b) Lime Tree on Recreation Field

Cllr Bryant reported that the root barrier option had proved unsuccessful. Neither the Parish insurers nor the insurers of Bramble Cottage would accept this as sufficient. Thus the felling of the tree was the only option now available. Proposed Cllr Poole; seconded Cllr Bryant; all in favour. The Clerk presented three quotations for the felling of the tree and clearing of the resulting wood. The Council resolved to engage the services of Paul Lane who also held the necessary insurance as required by the Parish insurers, Allianz Cornhill. Proposed Cllr Bryant; seconded Cllr Prout; all in favour. The Clerk is to ascertain the cost of grinding the stump down to ground level and establish the implications, for residents using the Recreation Field including children possibly playing on the stump, of the stump being poisoned.

CLERK

144/05 c) Speeding through village

The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with Road Safety Unit. A hand held radar speed detection gun would be available for use by the Council from mid December onwards. The exact dates to be advised. The loan period would be for about two weeks to enable different Councillors to operate the device and collect data at various times and locations within the village.

145/05 d) Highways repairs and maintenance

Cllr Prout reported that he had attended a Highways Seminar on 14th October. A report had been placed in the circulation envelope. Various potholes mentioned would be reported to Mr D. Portlock, County Highways.

146/05 e) Allotments check October 2004

A report by Cllr Prout was circulated to Councillors. A letter was requested to be sent to occupants at Hamshill who were tipping grass and hedge cuttings, considered poisonous to sheep, onto allotment land rented by the Wilcox family.

CLERK

147/05 f) Severn Vale Biodiversity Project

The Clerk gave a report on the aims of the project. Further information had been included in the circulation envelope. The Council agreed in principle to support the project.

148/05 g) Village Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the pavement outside the Village Hall had been repaired. The pavement between the Elms and the school was littered with hedge cutting debris. Council was advised that there was no obligation on farmers to tidy up after hedge cutting activity.

149/05 g) Parish Plan

Cllr Bryant advised that comments regarding proposed changes to the plan had gone back to the Parish Plan Committee. No date was yet set for a new meeting between Cllr's Bryant and Prout and the Committee.

150/05 **Matters for forward consideration**

- 1) Precept
- 2) Lime tree on Recreation Field
- 3) Use of speed camera

151/05 **Items for press release and publication on the website**

The usual minutes to be published on the website

152/05 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 7 December

(Cllr Bryant gave his apologies for the meeting, as he would be away).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm